

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A headset comprising a transducer, a microphone and an ear hook for suspending the headset from a user's ear, a housing, wherein the housing is formed by two opposing spaced apart shells, which are interconnected by a hinge, such that the housing can assume a closed state of non-use and an open state of use, wherein the transducer, the microphone and the ear hook are encapsulated in the housing in the closed state

~~wherein the transducer, the microphone and the ear hook are encapsulated in a housing or are integral parts of a housing.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A headset according to claim 1, wherein the housing is formed by substantially coplanar two shells which are interconnected by a hinge and wherein said microphone is fully encapsulated between said shells when in a stored position.

3. (Previously Presented) A headset according to claim 2, wherein the two shells are connected along their outer edge with the hinge by a shaft which is disposed in the same plane as the surface of the shells.

4. (Previously Presented) A headset according to claim 2, wherein the hinge has a shaft which is perpendicular to the surface of the shells.

5. (Previously Presented) A headset according to claim 2, wherein the transducer and the ear hook are arranged in the one shell, while the microphone is arranged in the other shell.
6. (Withdrawn) A headset according to claim 1, wherein the microphone is mounted on a microphone arm, characterized in that the housing is formed by a closed housing, which has two recesses from which the ear hook and the microphone arm, respectively, may be moved into or out of the housing.
7. (Withdrawn) A headset according to claim 6, wherein at least one release button is arranged on the outer side of the housing for activating the movement of the ear hook and/or the microphone into or out of the housing.
8. (Withdrawn) A headset according to claim 7, wherein the release button activates the ear hook and/or the microphone arm by means of a spring load.
9. (Withdrawn) A headset according to claim 6, wherein the microphone arm may be screwed into or out of the housing.
10. (Withdrawn) A headset according to claim 6, wherein the microphone arm is telescopic.

11. (Withdrawn) A headset according to claim 6, wherein the microphone arm is articulated.

12. (Previously Presented) A headset according to claim 1, wherein the housing is provided with a lock for locking the ear hook, the microphone and the transducer inside the housing.

13. (Previously Presented) A headset according to claim 12, wherein the lock is provided with an electrical code for activating the electrical parts of the headset.

14. (New) A headset comprising a transducer, a microphone and an ear hook for suspending the headset from a user's ear, a housing, wherein the housing is formed by two opposing spaced apart shells forming a channel therebetween, which are interconnected by a hinge, such that the housing can assume a closed state of non-use and an open state of use, wherein the transducer, the microphone and the ear hook are encapsulated in the housing in the closed state; the microphone pivotally extending from said shells and flexibly articulatable from a space fully within said channel to at least partly outside said channel.